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THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Wednesday, 16th March 1955.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at half-past eight of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Irregularities in the Nellikuppam Panchayat Board.

* 1494 *Q.*—SRI K. T. SREEDARAN (on behalf of Sri K. R. Nallasivam) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representations from the members of Nellikuppam Panchayat Board about the irregularities in the Panchayat Board;

(*b*) whether any charges were framed against the President or the Executive Officer; and

(*c*) whether misappropriation of funds and mishandling of contracts are items of charges against the President?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) No, Sir.

" (*c*) The exact nature of the charges will be known only after the report called for from the Inspector is received."

MR. SPEAKER :—" We shall take up the Finance Minister's questions afterwards as he is not yet present in the House."

Use of Government tractors and caterpillars during the Congress Session at Avadi.

* 1371 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether any Government tractors and caterpillars were sent to Avadi for levelling the grounds where the session of the Indian National Congress was held recently?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Yes, Sir."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" May I know from the Hon. the Minister whether the caterpillars and tractors are given on hire for any other purpose than agriculture? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Yes, Sir. They are also given for other purposes and hire charges are levied."